



Budget and Administrative Services Department Fiscal Services Division, Grants Section

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Charlotte County Marine Advisory Committee

Application for Grant Funding for the FY2016/2017 Budget year from 10/1/2016 to 9/30/2017

Please complete the following information and submit to the Charlotte County Fiscal Services Division Office by January 15, 2016. All funding requests will be compiled and presented to the Marine Advisory Committee (MAC) at their monthly meeting on February 11, 2016 (9:30 am, BCC Room 119). All departments/agencies requesting funds should have a representative present at the March 12, 2016 meeting to present their request and answer questions from the Committee. Additional blank copies of this Application can be found at <http://www.charlottecountyfl.com/BoardsCommittees/MAC/> then clicking on "Boater Improvement Fund".

Name of Organization: Charlotte County UF/IFAS Extension/Florida Sea Grant

Principal Officer, President, Chairman etc.: Betty Staugler

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Amount of Funding Requested: \$10,000 Total Cost of Project: Ongoing

Purpose of Funding Requested: Miscellaneous expenditures/supplies related to water based operations and marine education

Project Location: Charlotte County

Estimated Completion Date: Ongoing

Does your organization/department receive any other funding sources? yes If yes, please list: State of Florida

If permits are required, list each, its type, and status. Attach all permits that have been issued or applied for to this application, along with the estimated length of time to complete the project by phase (if applicable), and a vicinity map. Do not apply for funding if permitting time will cause the project to exceed the achievable 1-year completion date.

Benefit to the County: Allows field access for Sea Grant activities and miscellaneous support for marine extension educational activities. This in turn benefits the County by creating an informed citizenry and providing opportunities for boaters and anglers to be involved in monitoring and restoration activities, that in turn benefits the County's coastal resources upon which boating and angling depend and thus promotes a sustainable coastal economy and environment.

What operating costs, if any, are associated with the project? _____

Other Justification: See Attached

Please, attach any additional supporting information or documentation you feel is pertinent to your request.

Signature of authorized individual responsible for this application, and should funding be granted, the person responsible for assurances that funds are spent as proposed.

Betty Staugler FL Sea Grant Agent
Name, Signature, and Title

1/7/16
Date

Attachment

2016/17 Sea Grant Field Based Research & Education Activities

On-water Vessel: The WCIND is making a 17' Boston Whaler available to the Sea Grant Agent for on-water needs within the harbor. The Agent will be responsible for all fuel and maintenance costs for both vessel and trailer. The Extension office has a tow vehicle which is fueled and maintained through regular county budgeting.

Bay Scallop Initiative: Sea Grant in partnership with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is conducting several volunteer based sampling efforts in Lemon Bay and Gasparilla Sound to assess and restore scallop populations. Field based operations include monthly spat monitoring, annual cage gardening and annual scallop search. Annually, over 100 boaters/citizen volunteers participate in this project. Supplies for this program include, buckets, line, floats, pvc, gloves, snips, wire cage material, concrete blocks.

Great Goliath Grouper Count: Sea Grant conducts a volunteer diver count annually to assess goliath grouper abundance on artificial reef structure (June). This project is conducted over a two day window from Collier to Pinellas counties. Four volunteer boat teams from Charlotte County annually participate in the project. The primary expense for this program is reimbursement of fuel to charter captains.

Florida Master Naturalist Program: Sea Grant will offer four course offerings. This 40 hour adult education program teaches participants about the natural environment thru a combination of classroom and field trip experiences. This project is underwritten through Student registration fees.

Derelict Crab Trap Cleanup: Sea Grant will conduct cleanup events during 2016/17, one focusing on submerged traps identified via side scan sonar and a second cleanup focusing on traps visible from the surface. Waste Management and Charlotte County Solid Waste have historically provided traps disposal services in-kind for these events and it is anticipated they will again do so. Field operations include vessel use, snips, waterproof paper, clipboards, 1/2" line, weights and 12 penny nails for dragline.

Deep Water Reef Fish Barotrauma Outreach: Sea Grant ongoing education to increase the survival of released deep water fish experiencing barotrauma includes: demonstrating descending and venting tools to offshore anglers via workshops and on-water field trials. Field operations include vessel use (charters where needed), descending gear and fishing gear. This project is partially underwritten by Florida Sea Grant.